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- a. Destroyers (Kontrtorpedowiec). These ships looked new. [] there were about 10 such ships; each had a crew of approximately 300 men. In size and appearance, the ships looked similar to the Polish destroyer BLYSKAWICA []

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The guns on the Soviet destroyers looked similar to the guns on the BLYSKAWICA, which were howitzers (Haubica) 135 mm. The guns were generally placed in and around the superstructure, with one or two guns slightly forward and to the rear of the superstructure. The Soviet ships' torpedo tubes were also located as on the BLYSKAWICA: the after mount appeared to have three or four torpedo tubes. [] each ship's gross tonnage was about 6,000 tn., and its speed about 35 knots per hour.

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- b. Mine sweepers and mine layers (trawlers). [] these eight or nine ships were of Soviet post-World War II production, [] what type guns were on these ships but they were smaller than those on the Soviet destroyers. There was one torpedo tube on the bow of each ship and two on the fantail. [] each crew numbered about 60 to 70 men. Individual tonnage was about 2,000 tn. The vessels were about 60 feet.

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long, and had a speed of about 20 knots per hour. These ships had a steel hull.

- c. Motor-gun or motor-torpedo boats (Scigacze). [] seven or eight of these boats [] were post-World War II Soviet vessels. []

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[] this type of vessel had a speed of 60 knots per hour. Two machine guns [] were emplaced to the front of the superstructure. Two single torpedo tubes were located on either side aft. One torpedo tube was located somewhere near the center between the bridge and the bow. [] the gross tonnage of each boat at about 700 tn. Each boat had a crew of eight or nine men. The length of each boat was about 20 m. The hulls were made of wood.

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- d. Soviet "Korable"¹. This was the Russian name applied to this class of ship []

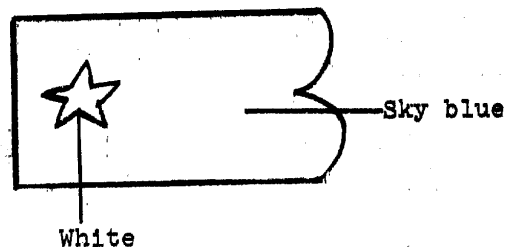
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There were about seven or eight of these vessels, which were smaller than the mine-sweeper-layer and bigger than the motor-gun boat. Each had a crew of about 35 men. []

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They had steel hulls.

2. While the ships were at anchor, the flag on the fantail looked as sketched below. The star of the flag was white on a sky blue field.



1. [] Comment: The word "korable" means "ship" in Russian and refers to no particular class.

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